

hi. my name is colin.

this booklet was made as part of the project "animals and workers,"

So far, the other component of this project is a

winding corridor (similar to the path an animal may travel before it is slaughtered)that is lined with painted images of animals and workers.

the installation part of this project was  
constructed once (in Ann Arbor, Mi)

I am currently working on the possibility  
of setting it up in other places.

this project "animals and workers" is my attempt to understand the relationships between these two groups in a factory farming/ slaughterhouse situation.

anyway I hope you enjoy this pamphlet.

thanks for bearing with me. i think of this pamphlet as offering instances,

small specific documents arranged together... to evoke compassion in the participant/reader.

....an attempt to capture some of the complexities in the meat and dairy industry.

as i explore different aspects of the industry

i realize the whole objective is to profit from killing.....this does not seem like the best way to be involved in business.

....i'm thinking there is no reason to expect anything from this industry.

....there is no reason for them to expect anything from me either, especially my money.

thanks for reading .... my contact info is:

COLIN MATTHES  
PO BOX 510214  
MILWAUKEE WI 53203

ideasinpictures@yahoo.com

## DISCLAIMER

I am a victim  
of the meat  
industry..

Meat industry casualty =

I saw a stencil.

It said war casualty. Doing

anti-war work I was thinking  
about the idea of casualties.

In war a certain amount  
of life lost / taken is accepted.

This is not the ONLY time

decisions like this are made →  
but it is ONE of the ONLY

times we talk about making decisions,

while considering the  
casualties that result from them.

Many choices we make cause

Injury or Death - The MEAT AND

DAIRY INDUSTRY IS IN THE BUSINESS OF IT.

IATION

POLIC

MEAT INDUSTRY CASUALTIES

## CONTENTS:

2 - Hi.

3 - Meat Industry Casualties.

4 - Yep You're Looking at It.

5 - Discarded

6-7 Pigs 8. Can they Suffer? 9 Mother

10 Speciesism. 11 Caged Pigs 12 Eggs and Hens

13 Cows 14-16 - #284 17 - MAN with KNIFE

18 - Ear tags, Animals, and Workers

19 Slaughterhouse Workers and Soldiers 20-22 IBF

23 - #0634 24 - I feel uneasy (continued)

25 - Woman with Chain 26 - Disclaimer.

27 - Thanks for Bearing with  
me.

I feel uneasy.

inevitably, as the connections in different issues become apparent, i think about relationships i feel uncomfortable putting down in print.

the main reason i focus on animal rights issues is a guttural reaction i feel for the suffering of farmed animals, (and yes that term makes animals sound synonymous to crops like corn or wheat).

another reason i focus my attention on animal rights issues is animals need people to speak for them or else their voice is not often heard in human society.

CONTINUED ON p. 24



who needs another white guy talking about what would make life better for women or racial minorities?

here i am making the connection between animals on factory farms and slaughterhouses and workers on factory farms and slaughterhouses.

many slaughterhouse workers are women and racial minorities. they often have the worst jobs in these industries and get the lowest pay.

animal rights issues become human rights issues. they are so increasingly interconnected.

i believe in order to stop the exploitation of animals we must also stop the exploitation of workers and to stop the exploitation of workers we must also stop the exploitation of animals.

i do not see any of these issues as taking precedent over the other....although i realize if i was a member of one of these oppressed groups,i may feel differently.

i am also requesting your input on these ideas..... especially if you are a member of a group previously mentioned. i hope this input will further our understanding of the complexities of these situations.

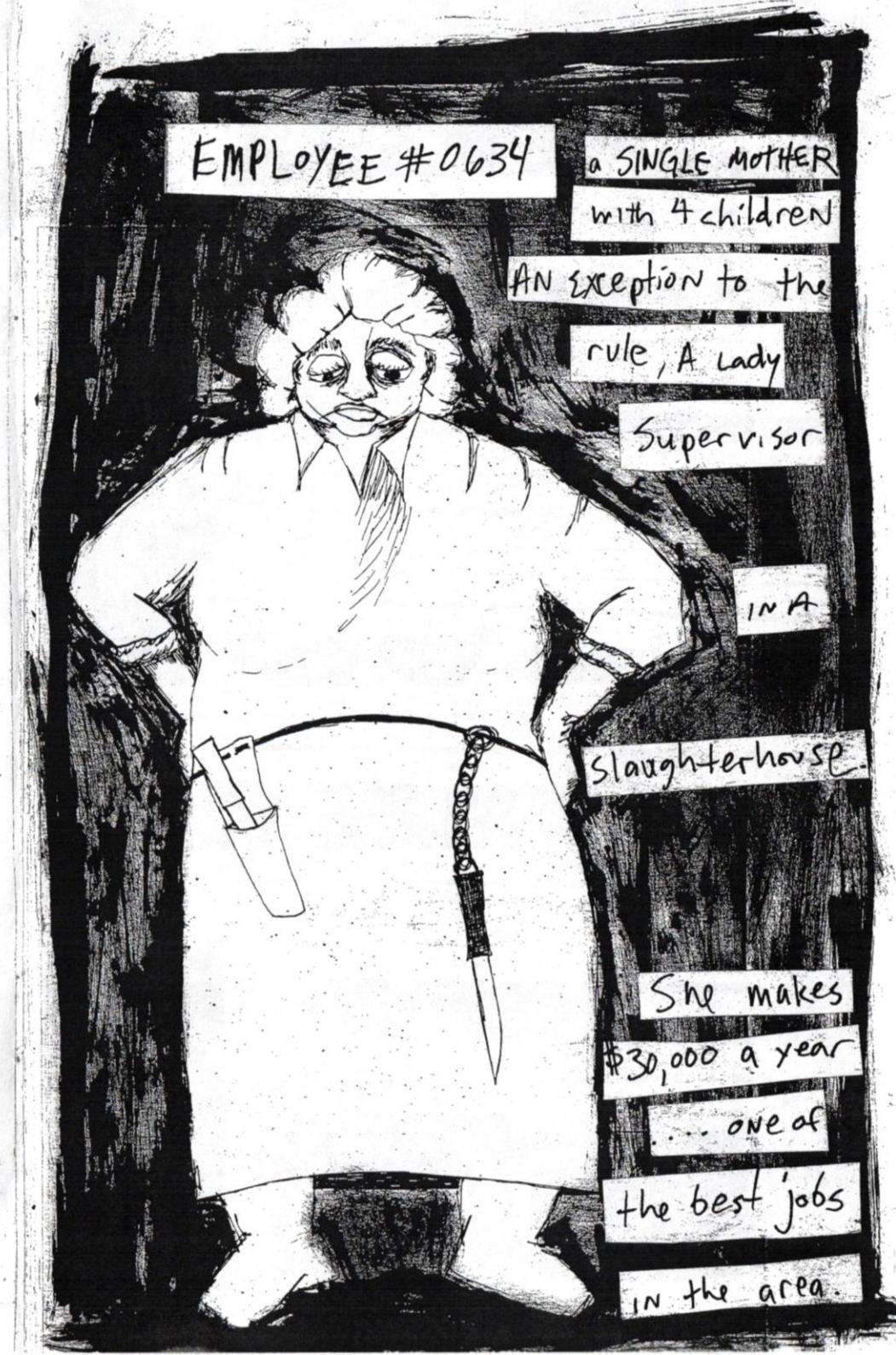
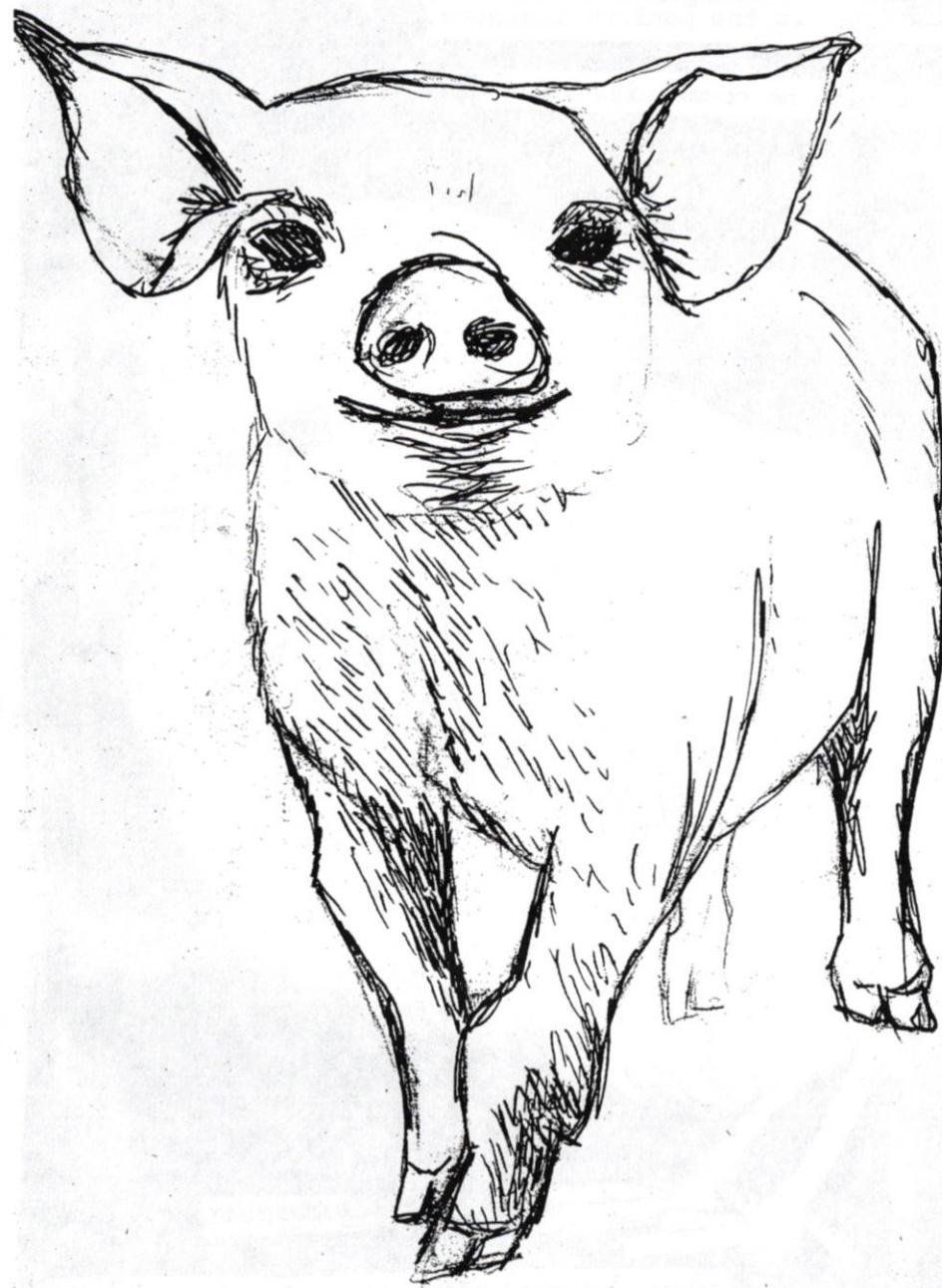
if you have any input please write me at the address on the back cover.

an egg laying hen's newly hatched male chicks are discarded in the poultry industry.

they have no commercial value.



gassed, dumped alive in a plastic sack and allowed to suffocate, or ground up, while still alive, and fed to their sisters.





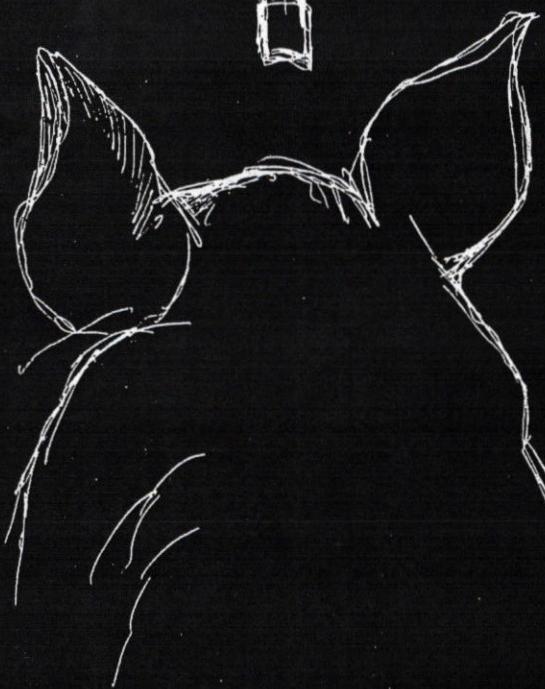
IBP (Iowa Beef Packers) has a labor office in Mexico city, runs adds on Mexican radio stations offering jobs in the US, and operates a bus service from rural mexico to the heartland of America,

the INS estimates 1/4 of all meatpacking workers in Iowa and Nebraska are illegal immigrants.

-fast food nation.

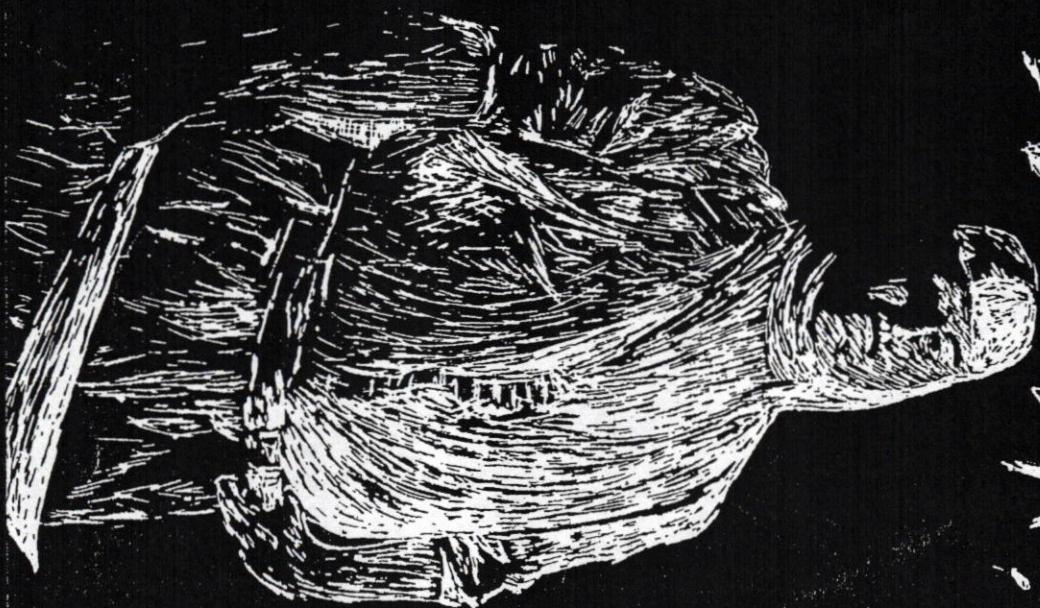


Watching people shoot  
pigs with a bolt gun  
the pigs are screaming in  
fear and the men  
are whistling.



THE ONLY QUESTION IS NOT  
"CAN THEY TALK?" or "CAN THEY  
REASON?" but "CAN THEY  
SUFFER?"

-J.BENTHAM



I was looking at the IBP website tonight. the job listings stressed the advantage of being bilingual and had a picture of an asian businessman talking to a white businessman. i cannot help but think a huge part of this bilingual need is not to make business deals with asian business people (who are most likely fluent in english) but to communicate with mexican immigrants who do not speak very good english and have some of the worst jobs in IBP's many slaughterhouses.



This Mother will Never Stand Again

It is common practice to cut off pigs' tails. Because this minimizes activity leading to faster weight gain. Pigs usually live no longer than six months on today's factory farms.



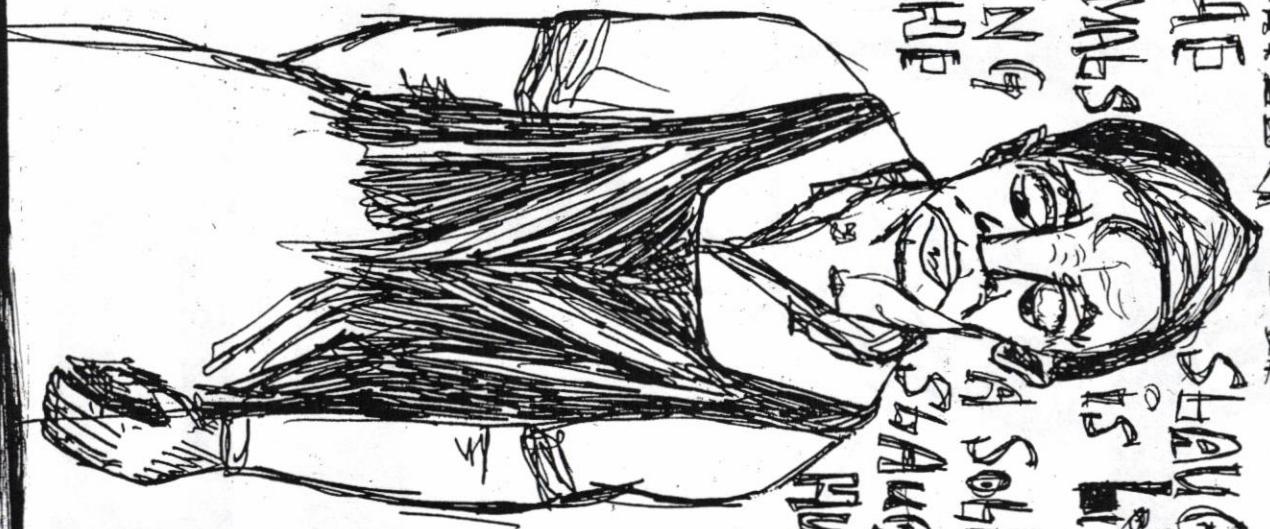
the "IBP (union busting, low-waged,  
unskilled assembly line labor.)

"Revolution" made a few folks real rich.

Where do you decide exploitation of  
vulnerable individuals is OK? If racism  
is wrong, homophobia must also be wrong  
because it is the same issue.  
AS IS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. THESE  
ARE ALL IDEAS THAT DIVIDE US. WHEN YOU  
TAKE AWAY SOMEONE'S RIGHTS AND GIVE THEM  
VALUE BASED ONLY ON THEIR WORK TO YOU IT IS THE  
SAME PROBLEM REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE  
EXPLITED (WORKERS, WOMEN, ANIMALS, ETC) WHY DO  
WE ACCEPT DIVISIONS WE THINK WE BENEFIT FROM  
AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS AND WHERE DO WE  
DRAW THE LINE? MANY OF US BELIEVE EXPLOITATION  
OF HUMANS IS WRONG, BUT LIVING, FEELING  
NON-HUMAN ANIMALS WE CAN JUSTIFY TORTURING  
AND SLAUGHTERING BECAUSE THEY TASTE APPEALING.  
MANY OF US DRAW THE LINE AT

OPEN EYES WITH

BLAMING ME FOR  
THE SLAUGHTER  
OF ANIMALS  
FOR THE  
DEATH  
OF  
A SOLDIER  
SLAUGHTER  
HUMANS.



PIGS HAVE SIMILAR INTELLIGENCE

IN COMPARISON TO DOGS BUT IF A  
SINGLE DOG IS TREATED THE SAME  
WAY MILLIONS OF PIGS ARE  
TREATED EACH YEAR IN AMERICA

**IT IS CONSIDERED ANIMAL CRUELTY**



i am constantly noticing how my respect for the victims of the meat and dairy industry grows and becomes more complex.

when i used to talk about victims of the meat and dairy industry, i would be thinking about all the animals ~~to~~ that have and are suffering because of our obsession with a meat based diet...as time passes I widen my definition of meat industry casualties.

i still think of the animals lives that have been exploited, but i have also gained a deep respect for the workers in these industries.

all the farmers who have seen their way of life taken from them and sold back as a cheaper genetically modified version of the work they have done.

i am also thinking about all the workers in slaughterhouses and factory farms, suffering great health risks , having their labor and bodies exploited by a few rich people in control of modern meat and dairy production.

how different are these levels of exploitation?

will there be a day when these workers will be identified by the ear tags farm animals routinely wear?



THE NEXT TIME THIS COW LEAVES

LET AN UGLY  
LESS PAINFUL  
BY NOW DEFAT IT IS

IS CAUSE HE WILL HAVE HIS THROAT  
CUT AND WILL BLEED TO DEATH

IN GENERAL  
DAIRY ANIMALS  
SUFFER MORE  
THAN ANIMALS  
RAISED ONLY  
FOR MEAT

I photographed this dairy cow (#284) in its most free moment of the day. Everyday this cow (#284) gets let out of its stall for a couple minutes. It goes outside on a cramped cement pad where over 20 cows drink water and eat hay. It was important for me to document #284 when it was able to move and experience atleast a minimal amount of freedom.  
(#284 is pictured on the previous page)



once a dairy cow's milk production drops

they

are sent to

slaughter to become hamburger or dog food.